


REMARKS

1. Claims 1-18 were pending in this application.
2. Claims 2-8, 10-16 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims 1, 9 and 17, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
3. Claims 2 and 6-8 are rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of claim 1. Claims 3-5 depend from rewritten claim 2.
4. Claims 10 and 14-16 are rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of claim 9. Claims 11-13 depend from rewritten claim 10.
4. Claim 18 is rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of claim 17.
5. Claims 1, 9 and 17 are canceled in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of these claims in a continuation application.
6. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of this application with currently amended claims 2-8, 10-17 and 18. Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's Agent at 650-853-0189 for a telephone conference if the Examiner believes such conference could expedite prosecution.


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